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GREEN LANTERN #1

HAL JORDAN IS BACK ON EARTH AND READY FOR ACTION!

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FORGING THE FUTURE ONE HERO AT A TIME

I guess there's **always** a point at which life comes **full circle.**

When your **inner demons** become your **outer demons.**

When you realize you've screwed up not in a **talk therapy** kind of way, but in a **spectacular, externalized, cumulative** sort of way.

A whole **chaos grenade** of **consequences** all at **once.**

I DON'T *UNDERSTAND.*

WHAT'S *HAPPENED* TO HER? WHY DOES SHE *LOOK* LIKE *THAT?*

HER IMMUNE SYSTEM CAN'T *FIGHT* THE *LAMIA* ANYMORE.

WHY CAN'T YOU *FIX* IT, LIKE YOU DID WHEN *I* WAS *INFECTED* BACK IN *GOTHAM?!*

BECAUSE THIS *ISN'T* THE *SAME STRAIN* YOU WERE *INFECTED* WITH. THIS *MUTATED* IN THE *WILD--*

HOW? *Why?*

BECAUSE *ALL* LIVING THINGS *MUTATE* AND *EVOLVE!* AND *MICROSCOPIC* THINGS EVOLVE REALLY, *REALLY FAST!*

AAHH!

ZAAN!

GET BACK.

STAY BEHIND ME. DON'T TRY TO HELP.

FWK

GRRR

KLAK

KRAHA

SOMEBODY DO SOME-THING!

I'M NOT GETTING NEAR THAT!

KRAHM

KRA

AAAAHH!

Full circle.

KRNNCH

Eat and be eaten.

HNNGH!

SMASH

Nnnnng-

PAM? PAMELA?!

SAY SOME-THING!

I'm f-fine.

YOU'RE NOT FINE. LOOK AT THAT BITE MARK. IT'S LIKE YOU WERE MAULED BY AN ANIMAL.

WE HAVE TO GET YOU TO A HOSPITAL OR SOMETHING-- WHAT IF THAT BITE GETS INFECTED OR WHATEVER?

IT IS INFECTED.

Ohmygod. WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

N-NOTHING. THIS IS GOOD.

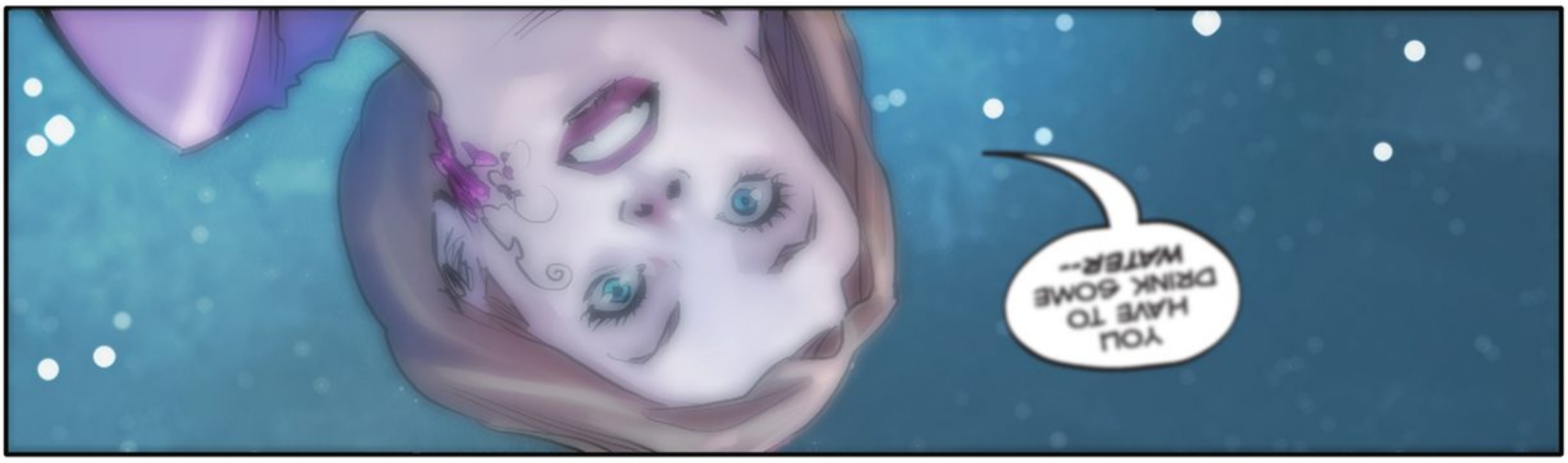
If I can f-fight off the wild strain, I can c-culture my blood-- I can--

PAM!
NO!

I could say I **let** it happen.

I let the **wild strain** of the **lamia mushroom** run **riot** through my body.

But the **fact** is, I was **powerless** to **stop** it.



I don't answer.

I fall backward into nothing.

It's not so **bad,** the space between **life** and **death.**

It feels like **going home.**

We understand **so much** about **life itself,** but when it comes to what happened **before,** and what happens **after...**

...we know **nothing.**

Life.

Death.

Life again.

Every **particle** of our **bodies** comes from something that was once **dead.**

An **animal** that we **killed** and **ate.** A **plant** that we **grew** and **harvested.**

It's all just **energy** transferred from one thing to another thing.

And when **we** die...

...we too will become **something else.**

A **seed** planted in **another place.**

Dead...

...but not gone.

Dead.

But not gone.

Waiting.

Waiting to be **reborn.**

FINALLY! YOU'RE **AWAKE!**

WH-WHERE *ARE* WE?

WE'RE OUTSIDE *SAN FRANCISCO,* THIS IS *MELINDA'S HOUSE*--MANSION. *ESTATE.* Or whatever.

SHE'S ONE OF THE WOMEN FROM THE *RETREAT.*

I NEED-- *CENTRIFUGE*-- SLIDES-- AGAR--

YOU NEED *REST.* YOU'VE BEEN *DELIRIOUS* FOR A *WEEK.*

IT DOESN'T *MATTER.* I HAVE TO DO THIS *NOW,* WHILE THERE ARE STILL HIGH LEVELS OF *ANTIBODIES* IN MY *BLOOD*--

WHAT'S *AGAR?* I think you're still *feverish*--

I'M *NOT* FEVERISH.

I'M TALKING ABOUT MAKING AN *ANTIDOTE.*

I work quickly.

Transforming the luxurious living room into a makeshift laboratory.

They are all suffering from the effects of the wild lamia.

And I don't know how long we have left before they become... something like Gwen.

Something no antidote can cure.

I still feel weak.

Unsteady on my feet.

But I push through it.

I work until I can't anymore.

The nightmares come back as soon as I close my eyes.

Woodrue is there. Waiting.

Nnngh--

YOU'LL NEVER ESCAPE ME!

THERE IS NOTHING LEFT WORTH SAVING!

But this time, I **don't listen** to him.

HEY! I THINK IT WORKED!

REALLY? IT'S REAL?

ARE YOU SERIOUS?!

Will this antidote **fix** everything? Will it be a **permanent cure?**

ANY BRAVE VOLUNTEER WANT TO GO FIRST?

Or will the wild strain **outwit** my attempts to **control** it?

Only **time** will tell.

It's a **start,** anyway. A way **back** from the **mess** I've made.

A chance to make things **right** somehow.

WOW. IT'S ALREADY WORKING.

THAT WAS *FAST.*

THE *ANTIBODIES* PROBABLY CONTAIN SOME OF MY *TOXIN RESISTANCE.*

I DON'T KNOW *HOW LONG* THAT'LL LAST. Don't go throwing yourself off of any *cliffs.*

I'M... NOT INTO THIS. I DON'T LIKE PUTTING CHEMICAL STUFF INTO MY BODY.

Sorry.

I GET IT. I DO.

I ONCE TRUSTED SOMEBODY WHO SWORE HE HAD MY BEST INTERESTS AT HEART AND THEN POISONED ME.

BUT THE LONGER THIS THING LIVES INSIDE YOU, THE BETTER IT ADAPTS.

AND THAT MUTATION COULD GET LOOSE AND CREATE EVEN WORSE HAVOC THAN THIS ONE.

PLEASE. I KNOW I HAVE NO RIGHT TO ASK YOU ANYTHING, BUT PLEASE.

IF YOU DON'T TAKE THE ANTIDOTE, YOU'LL BECOME WHAT GWEN BECAME. A MONSTER.

DON'T TAKE THIS HOME TO YOUR FAMILY.

I CAN'T. THERE ARE TOO MANY UNKNOWNS. I'm sorry.

I'LL FIGURE OUT A WAY TO CURE MYSELF. THERE MUST BE A WAY. SOMETHING LESS INVASIVE.

...Damn.

YOU CAN'T JUST LET HER *WALK OUT* OF HERE WITH THIS *STUFF* INSIDE HER!

TIE HER TO THE *CHAIR* AND *FORCE* HER TO TAKE THE *ANTIDOTE!*

I-I *CAN'T.*

I CAN'T *VIOLATE HER* LIKE THAT. I KNOW WHAT IT *FEELS* LIKE, AND I *CAN'T.*

SO WE *ALL* HAVE TO LIVE WITH THE *CONSEQUENCES* OF *HER* BAD DECISION?!

NO. We all have to live with *mine.*

COME ON. I NEED TO GET TO *GOTHAM.* THERE'S SOMEONE THERE *WAITING* FOR ME.

YOU'RE NOT *WELL ENOUGH* TO *TRAVEL* YET!

=grrmbble=

I *KNOW.*

THAT'S WHY *YOU'RE* DRIVING.

I've grown to **like** these women.

They're just trying to figure **life** out, like **everybody else.**

But for a whole **lot** of reasons, I hope we **never** see each other **again.**

Janet drives.

I drive.

EAST TO
Gotham City
200 MILES
Blüdhaven
195 MILES

Janet drives again.

It goes on for **days.** Retracing my journey mile by mile.

Until one morning, just outside of **Gotham...**

PULL OVER!

KRAKK

WHAT IS IT?!

OVER *THERE.*

PROBABLY ONE OF YOUR *FORMER COWORKERS* FROM THE *CHEMICAL PLANT.*

OH MY GOD! IT'S *CARL* FROM *RECEPTION!*

CAN'T YOU STICK HIM WITH THE *ANTIDOTE?* BRING HIM *BACK?*

NO. HE'S TOO FAR *GONE.*

THE *ANTIDOTE* WILL *ONLY WORK* ON PEOPLE WHO *STILL* HAVE ENOUGH OF AN *IMMUNE SYSTEM* TO *FIGHT OFF* THE *LAMIA.*

Just **how many** *of these things* **are** *there?*

How **long** *has the* **lamia** *been outside of my* **control?**

KLOOH

How many people are still at **risk?**

WHAT THE HELL HAVE I *DONE?*

IS IT... *dead?*

DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU *MEAN.*

THIS IS A *REALLY* BAD SIGN.

THERE COULD BE DOZENS-- *HUNDREDS* OF THESE THINGS SCATTERED ALONG I-90 FROM *GOTHAM* TO *SEATTLE.*

I TRIED TO *STOP* ONE PLANET-DESTROYING *PLAGUE* AND CAUSED *ANOTHER.*

I LET MYSELF GET *CARRIED AWAY* BY THE SAME *ARROGANCE* THAT DROVE *WOODRUE.* AND LOOK WHAT *HAPPENED.*

DON'T SELL YOURSELF *SHORT.*

A FEW MONTHS AGO, YOU WOULD HAVE LET *ALL* THOSE *PEOPLE* FROM THE WELLNESS RETREAT *DIE.*

INSTEAD, YOU FOUND A WAY TO *SAVE* THEM.

DO YOU REALIZE WHAT THAT *IS?!*

YEAH.

GROWTH.

FLK

Nothing to do except get back in the **van** and **keep going.**

We agree to meet **outside** the city at first.

Somewhere I can **hide** while I figure out who's **looking** for me.

Somewhere **green.**

Gotham Cit
NEXT 6 EXITS

Slaughter Swamp
Next Exit

The idea of returning to **her--** in spite of all the **danger** of coming back to this place, in spite of the **risk** to my **life--**

--it keeps me **going.** Even when I want to **stop.**

Sometimes home is a person.

The **one person** who makes all the **terrible things** in the world feel **manageable.**

Do I tell her?

HI THERE, GORGEOUS.

TOOK YA LONG ENOUGH.

BLAKELY FUNERAL HOME

WELCOME HOME!

Do I tell her I **slept** with **Janet** and brought down a **whole wellness empire** and may have started a **teenie-weenie** zombie apocalypse?

HEY, BABY.

SORRY. I GOT **SIDE-TRACKED.**

No.

It can **wait.**

The **whole world** can wait.

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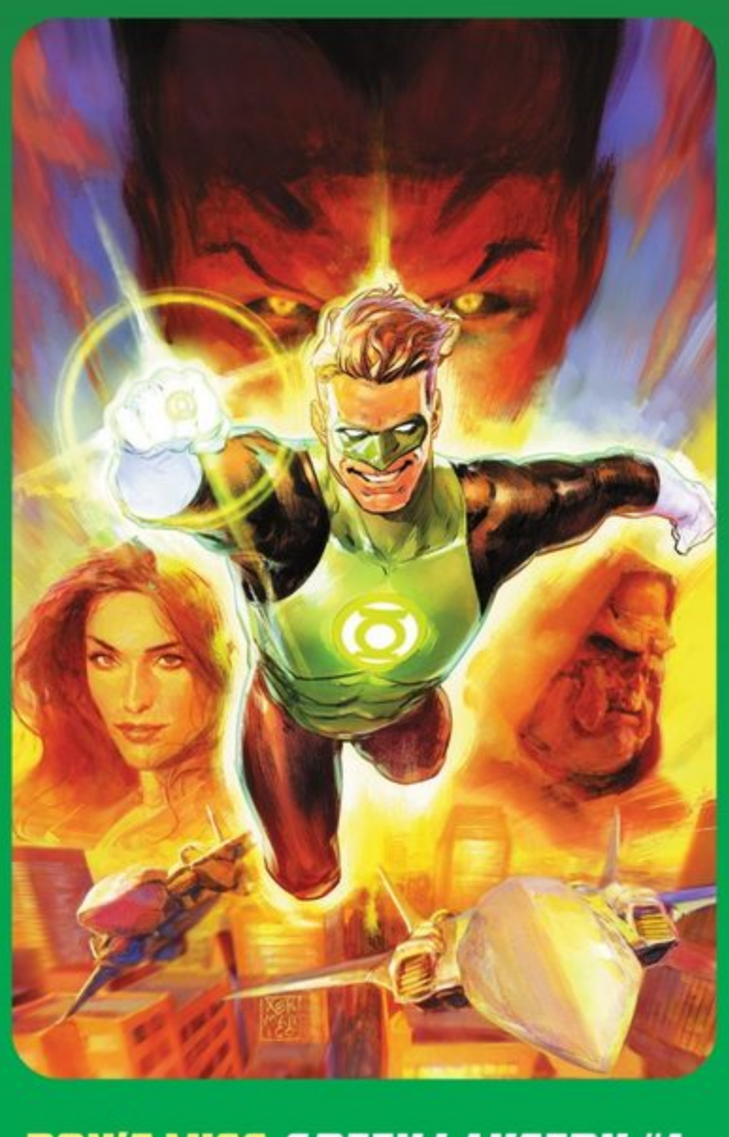
GREEN LANTERN

They say you can't go home again, and Hal Jordan puts that theory to the test in the new *Green Lantern* series from writer Jeremy Adams (fresh off his fan-favorite run on *The Flash*) and artist Xermánico (who most recently wowed audiences on *Flashpoint Beyond* and *Batman - One Bad Day: Clayface*).

Hal is back on Earth—and he's got to stay there, as the Guardians of Oa have quarantined Sector 2814. And he's not the only one Earthbound: Sinestro's also roaming our home planet, and Hal's looking to track down his archnemesis.

With *Green Lantern* #1 nearly here, take a look inside the issue to get a sense of the high-flying adventure Adams and Xermánico are bringing to the Dawn of DC era.



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